

Westport Winery and Friday Harbor House Host Winemaker's Dinner

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MARKHAM, Wash. - The Bluff Restaurant at the Friday Harbor House Resort is holding a winemaker's dinner on Saturday, October 27 at 6 p.m. featuring Westport Winery, the 2012 Washington Winery to Watch. The winery's co-owners Kim and Blain Roberts along with their son and winemaker Dana Roberts will be hosting this extravaganza. The Bluff's chef Kyle Nicholson and sous chef Aaron Rock have created the menu around some of the winery's current and future releases. For the first course the chefs will offer raw Pacific oysters on a sea bean fennel salad with tarragon mignonette caviar paired with Fleur de Lis Pinot Gris (2011). This will be followed by pan-seared Alaskan weathervane scallops on a Meyer lemon potato puree with local nori dust and chili oil paired with Going Coastal, the winery's sparkling Gewurztraminer (2011). An intermezzo with cardamom bitters granita and cilantro iced tea will be accompanied by Shiver Me Timbers, a late harvest Riesling with passion, orange and guava. This fourth course features butternut squash ravioli and truffled house-made ricotta with hazelnut pesto and frizzled leeks paired with Smoky Northwest, the winery's 2010 Sangiovese. The main course offers crispy duck breast with roasted tomato jam, carrot puree, and a chocolate demi paired with Swimmer's Last Syrah (2010). This special evening will end with grilled local plum and almond financier alongside a Quail Croft chevre mousse served with Maritime Moscato (2011).

San Juan Island is one of Washington state's top destinations and well-known for its gorgeous fall weather. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to experience the island, the resort, an amazing dinner and some of your favorite wines, all in one place. The cost to attend this dinner is \$80 per person. The resort has rooms available at a special rate to guests who wish to stay on property. For more information or reservations contact Brian Carlson at 360.378.8455 or via email at bcarlson@fridayharborhouse.com. Westport Winery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and dinner to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. Westport Winery is located on the corner of Highway 105 and South Arbor Road. New hours for The Bluff Restaurant at Friday Harbor House Resort: Dinner Wed-Sun, 5-9 PM; Wed-Sun, 4-5 PM; Closed Mon, Tues